

Service Date: August 28, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF ENERGY WEST)	UTILITY DIVISION
RESOURCES, INC., Application)	
for Natural Gas Supplier License)	DOCKET NO. N98.7.157
)	ORDER NO. 6088a

ORDER ADOPTING INTERIM PROTECTIVE ORDER
AS FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER

On July 17, 1998, Energy West Resources, Inc. (EWR), filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) a Motion for Protective Order to govern certain financial information expected to be filed in or with EWR's application for a natural gas supplier license. On July 23, 1998, the PSC issued an Interim Protective Order, PSC Order No. 6088, granting EWR's request for protection, on an interim basis. At that time the PSC also requested additional argument from EWR on the matter. Additional argument has been submitted. The PSC now determines that the information for which EWR has requested protection is such that it reasonably could be confidential trade secret and subject to protection from public disclosure pursuant to § 69-3-105, MCA. The PSC hereby grants EWR's request for protection on a permanent basis and adopts by this reference Order No. 6088 (Interim Protective Order) as the Protective Order governing disclosure of EWR's financial information, all provisions of Order No. 6088 pertaining solely to its interim nature or related interim procedures to be disregarded.

Done and dated this 11th day of August, 1998, by a vote of 4-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chair

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.

EXHIBIT "A"

I have reviewed the foregoing Protective Order in Energy West Resources, Inc.'s Application for Natural Gas Supplier License, Docket No. N98.7.157, dated August 28, 1998 and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of such order.

Signature

Typed or Printed Name

Employer or Firm

Business Address

Party

Date